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All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., May 12, 1999.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent to Extend and Revise a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection, the Floriculture and Nursery Surveys.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received July 28, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4117 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Floriculture and Nursery Surveys.

OMB Number: 0535-0093.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 1999.

Type of Request: Intent to extend and revise a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. The Floriculture and Nursery Surveys obtain basic agricultural statistics on production and value of floriculture and nursery products. These statistics are used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help administer programs and by growers and marketers in making production and marketing decisions. These data are collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to no-aggregated data provided by respondents.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farms and businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 19,450.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 9,700 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Larry Gambrell, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, US Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4162 South Building, Washington DC 20250-2000. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All

comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington DC, April 29, 1999.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: Current Population Survey—Basic Demographic Items.

Form Number(s): CPS-263, -264, -1428, -1433.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0049.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 15,168 hours.

Number of Respondents: 48,000/month.

Avg Hours Per Response: 1.58 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Current Population Survey (CPS) is a monthly survey conducted in approximately 48,000 households throughout the United States. The Bureau of the Census and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) jointly sponsor the survey. Data on demographic and labor force characteristics are collected from a sample of households which represent the U.S. population. Households remain in the sample for 16 months and are interviewed 8 times over that period. The basic CPS monthly questionnaire is periodically supplemented with additional questions which address specific needs and are separately submitted for clearance. The Bureau of the Census sponsors the demographic questions and uses the data along with the BLS as demographic descriptors for the various supplements and the basic labor force data. The BLS sponsors, and will request separate clearance for, the labor force questions contained in the CPS. BLS uses this data in their monthly calculations of employment and unemployment.

This request is for clearance of basic demographic items such as age, marital status, gender, Armed Forces status, education, race, origin, family income, and country of birth. These basic